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For : COMPOSITION FOR IMMUNOHISTOCHEMICAL STAINING

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 2, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until October 2, 2003.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months to extend the period for response until January 2, 2004, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the Request for Extension of Time is not associated with the file at the Patent and Trademark Office and/or if the fee is deficient and/or any extensions of time are necessary, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.